

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim Amendment Summary

Claims pending

- Before this Amendment: Claims 1, 4-23, 25-27, 29, 30 and 33-38.
- After this Amendment: Claims 1, 4-9, 14-23, 25-27, 29, 30 and 34-42.

Non-Elected, Canceled, or Withdrawn claims herein: Claims 10-13 and 33.

Amended claims: Claims 1, 27, 30 and 38.

New claims: Claims 39-42.

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for presenting information, the method comprising:

presenting the information via a first processing mechanism;

while presenting the information via the first processing mechanism, receiving a user-submitted command;

in response to the user-submitted command, adding a mark that is associated with the information, via a marking mechanism of the first processing mechanism; transferring the information from the first processing mechanism to a second processing mechanism, the second processing mechanism being physically distinct from the first processing mechanism; and

presenting the information via the second processing mechanism based on the mark added via the first processing mechanism,

wherein at least one of said adding the mark and said presenting the information via the second processing mechanism comprises displaying a visual indicator of the mark at a display position that is related to a time at which the mark was associated with the information, wherein the visual indicator of the mark comprises visual display properties that convey at least one characteristic of the mark, wherein said at least one characteristic of the mark comprises a time when the mark was created.

2 - 3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the first processing mechanism is contained in a first area in a building

and the second processing mechanism is contained in a second area in the building.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information comprises a media content program.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein the media content program comprises a video program.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user-submitted command is received in response to a press of a mark button provided on a remote control which interacts with the first processing mechanism that implements said adding of the mark.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further including deleting the mark in response to a user-submitted selection of the visual indicator of the mark and a user-submitted command to delete the mark.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the adding the mark precludes the creation of another mark if that other mark occurs at the same time, or within a very small time interval as the first-mentioned mark.

10 - 13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying the visual indicator of the mark comprises presenting a part of the information associated with the mark along with the visual indicator.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the part of the information is a video image taken from the information which is associated with the mark.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying the visual indication of the mark comprises presenting the visual indicator of the mark at a display position along a timeline, where the position conveys a juncture at which the mark occurs within the information.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the displaying involves presenting multiple visual indicators of multiple respective marks at multiple respective display positions along the timeline, where the multiple positions convey respective junctures at which the multiple marks occur within the information.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, further including navigating among the multiple visual indicators to select any one of the multiple visual indicators.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, wherein the navigating comprises:

receiving an indication of a first user-submitted navigation command;

in response to the first user-submitted navigation command, selecting a temporally succeeding visual indicator with respect to a currently selected visual indicator;

receiving an indication of a second user-submitted navigation command; and

in response to the second user-submitted navigation command, selecting a temporally prior visual indicator with respect to the currently selected visual indicator.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, further comprising:

receiving an indication of a user-submitted presentation command; and

In response to the user-submitted presentation command, invoking a currently selected visual indicator.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein:

the visual indicator of the mark comprises a thumbnail image corresponding to a part of the information associated with the mark; and

the displaying the visual indication of the mark comprises presenting the thumbnail image in positional relationship to at least one other thumbnail image associated with another mark, wherein the positional relationship is based on respective times associated with creation of the marks.

22. (Original) The method according to claim 21, further including navigating among the thumbnail images to select any one of the thumbnail images.

23. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the adding involves at least one of:

the generation of a status display, wherein the status display presents the visual indicator of the mark at a display position along a timeline, wherein the position conveys a juncture at which the mark occurs within the information;

the generation of a mark panel display that contains an input selection item associated with the information; and

the generation of a thumbnail display that presents the visual indicator as at least one thumbnail image corresponding to a part of the information associated with the mark.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the presenting is invoked by the activation of an input selection item associated with the information containing the mark, wherein the input selection item appears in a display that corresponds to at least one of:

- a mark panel display;
- a thumbnail display;
- a menu display;
- a program guide display; and
- a program-specific information display corresponding to the information.

26. (Original) A computer readable medium including machine readable instructions for implementing the adding and the presenting of claim 1.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for presenting information, comprising:

receiving instructions generated in response to the activation of a marking mechanism during the display of a first program;

displaying a mark panel display in response to the instructions, wherein the mark panel display comprises:

a selectable command to create a mark associated with the first program, wherein the mark comprises a visual indicator of the mark at a display position that is related to a time at which the mark is associated with information, wherein the visual indicator of the mark comprises visual display properties that convey at least one characteristic of the mark, wherein said at least one characteristic of the mark comprises a time when the mark was created; and

a representation of a second program, wherein:

the second program is different from the first program; and

the second program has an associated mark;

receiving a user's input via the mark panel display; and

in response to the user's input:

in an event that the user's input corresponds to the selectable command to create a mark associated with the first program, creating a new mark in the first program; and

in an event that the user's input corresponds to the representation of the second program, invoking the mark associated with the second program.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium including machine readable instructions for implementing the method of claim 27.

30. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a first processing mechanism, the first processing mechanism comprising:

a first memory;

a first processor;

presentation logic stored in the first memory and executed by the first processor to present information;

marking logic, stored in the first memory and executed by the first processor to create a mark associated with information currently being presented, wherein the mark is embedded in the information and comprises a visual indicator of the mark at a display position that is related to a time at which the mark is associated with information, wherein the visual indicator of the mark comprises visual display properties that

convey at least one characteristic of the mark, wherein said at least one characteristic of the mark comprises a time when the mark was created;
and

a second processing mechanism, physically distinct from the first processing mechanism, the second processing mechanism comprising:

a second memory;

a second processor;

communication logic, stored in the second memory and executed by the second processor to receive the information with the embedded mark;

presentation logic, stored in the second memory and executed by the second processor to present the information based on the mark created by the marking logic of the first processing mechanism.

31 - 33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the mark is stored as a component of the information.

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user-submitted command comprises a pause command.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user-submitted command comprises a stop command.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user-submitted command comprises a channel change command.

38. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[10]] 1, wherein the at least one characteristic of the mark ~~is selected from a group of characteristics consisting of:~~ comprises
a ~~time when the mark was created;~~
a date when the mark was created;
a ~~relative position of the mark within the information;~~
an ~~indication of a user who created the mark;~~
an ~~indication of a processing mechanism via which the mark was created;~~
an ~~indication of a physical location via which the mark was created;~~
an ~~indication of a processing mechanism that is permitted to later invoke the mark;~~ and
an ~~expiration time associated with the mark.~~

39. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one characteristic of the mark comprises an indication of a processing mechanism via which the mark was created.

40. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one characteristic of the mark comprises an indication of a physical location via which the mark was created.

41. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one characteristic of the mark comprises an indication of a processing mechanism that is permitted to later invoke the mark.

42. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one characteristic of the mark comprises an expiration time associated with the mark.